

her community and has a passion for giving back. Through her current role as the Solano County Superintendent of Schools, she works tirelessly to support educational services and serve the school districts in her community. As a charter member of 100 Women Who Care in Solano County, Lisette works to support women and young girls by donating to important programs that focus on bettering the community. She is a charter member of the Soroptimist Twilight Club in Solano County and generously volunteers her time to improve the lives of disadvantaged women and girls through programs that push for increased social and economic opportunities. Ms. Estrella-Henderson has played a vital role in promoting education equality and increased educational resources within her community. Her active engagement in the community includes leadership positions in programs such as the Migrant Child Education Program, First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission, Solano College Education Foundation, Positive Youth Justice Initiative Leadership Team, Juvenile Justice Coordination Council, Solano Coalition for Better Health, and many more. With a long résumé of outstanding achievements and leadership roles, Lisette's commitment to bringing about positive changes to her community is inspirational.

SAM HOUSTON: PRESIDENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, my hometown of Houston, Texas, bears the name of Sam Houston, perhaps one of the most important figures in Texas history. Without his steady, stoic leadership, Texas would not be the great state that it is today. Indeed, it might have never even existed.

Let me tell you more. In the summer of 1836, Texas had successfully won its independence from Mexico. Under the leadership of General Sam Houston, the Texan forces overran Santa Anna's army at the Battle of San Jacinto. Houston himself was wounded during the battle, having caught a musket ball in the leg. But he did not let the pain from his wound cloud his judgement.

When by chance the Texans discovered the disgraced Mexican dictator Santa Anna disguised as a private, he was brought to Houston. Many in the Texas Army wanted Santa Anna executed, but Houston, knowing that he could negotiate favorable terms of surrender directly with el Presidente, refused to give the order. Rather, he brokered the treaty with the leader which gave Texas its independence from Mexico. Texas remained a sovereign Republic for nine years.

With independence secured, the Texans turned to its government. David G. Burnet, who had been serving as the president of Texas since the March 2 declaration (what we celebrate today as Texas Independence Day), called for a general election.

The new nation already faced debt problems and issues with army pensions. But with each new concern that surfaced, the choice to lead Texas became more obvious: the hero of San Jacinto.

This was not Houston's first rodeo in government. He served in U.S. Congress representing Tennessee and then as governor of Tennessee. Public service brought him to Texas in 1832, where he was sent by President Andrew Jackson to negotiate treaties with Native Americans. On top of his previous experience, his courageous actions at San Jacinto made him the clear choice in the minds of most Texans to lead the country.

On September 5, Houston won in a landslide election, earning 5,119 votes out of a possible 6,640. So strong was the din from the Texas Congress for Houston to take office as soon as possible that President Burnet moved his inauguration date forward two months. When they first convened after the election, the Texas legislature's first vote was to swear Sam Houston into office that very same day. After taking the oath and delivering a brief, impromptu speech, Houston calmly unhooked his sword and handed it to the Speaker of the House, thus casting off an "emblem of his past office" and following George Washington's example of the primacy of civilian rule. Not a man inside was unmoved by this small but significant act.

Mr. Speaker, Sam Houston was a great Texan and a great American. He is an icon whose memory deserves our utmost respect and admiration. Today, we are all proud Houstonians.

And that is just the way it is.

HONORING JOHN GONZALES

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize John Gonzales. John is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 216, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

John has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years John has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, John has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. John reset veteran headstones at the local historic Mount Mora Cemetery in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending John Gonzales for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN HONOR OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate the Oak Grove Baptist Church of Sterling, Virginia, on the

celebration of its 150th anniversary. In 1868, Reverend Robert Woodson, Pastor of Zion Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia, moved to the town of Herndon in Northern Virginia. Finding that there were no Baptist churches that were welcoming to African-Americans, Reverend Woodson interested Mrs. Ellen Thompson, a fellow Baptist living nearby, to help him establish what was initially called the Colored Church, on October 10, 1868, in the community of Oak Grove, located in the town of Sterling. Oak Grove was one of five communities in Eastern Loudoun County that were founded by former slaves after the Civil War ended in 1865. The name of Oak Grove was adopted, in part, because of the stately oak trees surrounding the church grounds.

Over the period of a century and a half, 13 pastors have served at Oak Grove Baptist Church. In addition to the important leadership exercised by these men, the church has been blessed with dedicated and faithful women leaders who greatly contributed to its success, including Ellen Thompson, "First Mother" and founder of the church, and Sister Ada Lee, who labored for 90 years, as the "Second Mother" of the church, before passing on in 1998, at the age of 107. There were many other unsung heroes during the long history of the church, including those whose financial generosity allowed the Oak Grove property to grow from "a little ole' spot beside the railroad track" to a six-acre property next to the current WO&D bicycle trail. Since 2011, the congregation has been led by a gifted yet humble pastor, Gregory L. Spurlock, a native of Petersburg, Virginia. He is married to the former Lottie Cassandra Mickens, also of Petersburg, who is a school principal in Loudoun County. Pastor Spurlock and First Lady Lottie are the proud parents of three children, Ivana, Brandon and Gregory, Jr.

The key to understanding how this church has thrived over its long and illustrious history is its clear and simple mission. Simply put, "The Oak" exists to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus Christ. Beginning with the inspiring leadership of Pastor Spurlock and First Lady Lottie, coupled with the guidance of the elders of the church and the dedicated support of the Deacons and Deaconesses, each member of Oak Grove Baptist Church has pledged his or her life to Christ and has covenanted with each other to demonstrate His Spirit through worship, witnessing and ministering to the needs of others. Whether the church is engaged in ministering to the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of each church member and family or is taking a leadership role in the annual One Loudoun Revival, or putting on its Car Show and Community Day, or hosting a Women's Conference or a voter registration drive, "the Oak" has always been hallowed ground, where, through acts of faith and love, its members are tirelessly engaged in the blessed work of transfiguring lives, one person at a time.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in celebrating the extraordinary history of Oak Grove Baptist Church. Thanks to the loving service of hundreds of disciples over the past 150 years, I am confident that the indelible mission, values and traditions of Oak Grove Baptist Church will guide the congregation's vitality and success over the next 150 years.

TEXAS WARRIOR PETTY OFFICER
THIRD CLASS ZARIAN A. WOOD

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Navy Hospital Corpsman Petty Officer Third Class Zarian A. Wood, known as "Z" to his friends, died at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, on May 16, 2010 of wounds sustained from an improvised explosive device blast that occurred in Helmand Province, while on patrol two days prior. Zarian, a 29-year-old hospital corpsman from Houston, Texas, was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, California. He was very well known as "Doc" in Afghanistan, serving on the front lines alongside Marine infantrymen.

Zarian graduated in 1999 from South Houston High School, where he competed on the wrestling team. He worked as a youth pastor and tutor for troubled kids on Houston's northeast side and a merchandiser for Coca-Cola before enlisting in 2006. He dreamed of going back to school, studying radiology, and maybe even becoming a dentist. But always putting others before himself, he put his dreams on hold to fight for his country.

And fight he did—Zarian was a decorated soldier. His personal service awards include the Purple Heart, Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

A month before he was deployed on his second combat duty, he had some quality time with his family. Between video games and steak dinners, they bonded for what would be the last time. His father Daniel Wood, a Vietnam veteran, commented on his son's honesty and integrity: "He'd tell you in a flat minute if you were wrong . . . then again; he'd stand up for you in a flat minute if you were right".

The liberty we cherish in this Nation has come at a great cost. At times we can all be guilty of taking the simple things in life for granted. We thank men like Officer Wood for these simple liberties. We thank them that we can wake up in the morning and are not afraid, and that we can go to bed at night knowing we are safe. Your selfless heroism has not been forgotten, Zarian. "Some people live their entire lifetime and wonder if they ever made a difference to the world, Marines don't have that problem."—Ronald Reagan.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING KATHERINE CAMPBELL
WITH CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR
AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Katherine Campbell as a woman of the year. She embodies all the qualities of a community leader and generously dedicates

her time to bettering her community. As one of the founders in the effort to bring a community pool to the greater Capay Valley area, Ms. Campbell was able to successfully secure a \$2.9 million dollar grant from the California Department of Parks and Recreation. Due to her continuous determination and firm commitment, the new Esparto Community Park and Aquatic Center is set to be completed before the summer of 2019. She currently serves as the treasurer of Capay Valley Vision, where she is actively engaged in developing and prioritizing critical projects that are aimed at community development. With unmatched experience and dedication, Ms. Campbell has shown herself to be an integral part of many past and present projects designed to help make Yolo County a better place to live. She serves as the Yolo County Planning Commissioner, the chair to the Capay Valley Citizens Advisory Committee and a contributor to the Rumsey Improvement Association. Since 2016, Ms. Campbell has been a vital member of the Yolo Parks, Recreation, and Wildlife Advisory Committee working to provide insight to Yolo County regarding community parks, open spaces, wildlife habitat, and other projects focused on the interests of parks and recreation. Ms. Campbell tirelessly and passionately advocates for her community and is most deserving of this recognition.

HONORING THEODORE ATTEBURY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Theodore Attebury. Theodore is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1264, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Theodore has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Theodore has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Theodore has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Theodore Attebury for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONSTITUENT COMMENTS ON SOBER LIVING HOME PROBLEMS

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise again regarding the hearing held by the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice on September 28, 2018 on the issue of sober living homes. At that hearing, I had the privilege of testifying in support of my bill, H.R. 5724, to restore local oversight over

sober living homes. As part of my testimony, I submitted to the Subcommittee letters from many of my constituents about problems with sober living homes caused by current federal law preventing appropriate local oversight. For the benefit of my colleagues and the American people, I include in the RECORD the sixth group of these constituent letters below:

Good Afternoon, I am a Registered Nurse. I am also in recovery 30 years. I have also worked with the homeless and indigent population. I have family members who suffer from addiction. I believe the sober living houses should be licensed so that they can care for addicts in the appropriate manner. I believe the houses should be regulated in that way; however, as far as zoning, I would have to review your whole bill to make sure it isn't a NIMBY type of plan as is with the homeless population in our county. I will be more focused on the housing issues of our ill population and the homeless crisis in the State of California as being a disservice to the people who are here. Mental health and homelessness should be the priority in this state. Thank you.

CATHERINE ORLANDO,
Huntington Beach, California.

I understand the possible issues surrounding these sober living homes, however I haven't heard anything about what would replace them if they are moved from residential neighborhoods. Rather than sticking our noses into these "businesses", why don't we work on actual crime? It sounds like you are proposing an easy way out method. If these owners are bad, do good old-fashioned police work and arrest them. We have plenty of laws on the books impeding business owners and home owners, how about spending less money on government and more money on drug programs and good police officers.

JAMES ETHEREDGE,
Westminster, California.

We had a sober living home behind our back fence in our single-family home. It was really a nightmare for the houses on both sides of them. They woke up at six 6:30 in the morning and went out in the backyard to smoke cigarettes. They were loud, obnoxious and used tons of foul language. Both families on either side of the home had small children. There were also numerous police calls and constant noise and shouting during the day and at night. After numerous warnings they tried to contain the house and have more control over it but still continued to fail. Even neighbors had arguments with clients who were outside acting up and talking loud using foul language. Eventually the problems became so great that the owner of the property was contacted that it was no longer acceptable to be renting out for Sober Living homes. Shortly after that, the sober living home was disbanded, and the house was put up for sale. It is now being used as a single-family home and the neighbors are all very happy including ourselves. Sober living homes need to be in buildings away from normal residential living. People do not have to put up with that kind of obnoxious noise and action 24 hours a day to feel like they're helping people get sober. Put these homes somewhere in an industrial area near an airport or commercial buildings where they cannot disturb the other tenants or neighbors. We owe nothing to these people and they should not be distracting from our lives.

DONALD HADDOCK,
Costa Mesa, California.

I own a 5-unit condo at [REDACTED] in Costa Mesa. We work hard to maintain the